

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1082

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A RESOLUTION To confirm the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Garland to the Tennessee Ethics Commission.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Act of 2006, enacted by Chapter 1 of the Public Acts of the First Extraordinary Session of the 104th General Assembly, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, such act further provides that the Governor shall appoint two (2) members to that Commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has appointed Mr. Thomas J. Garland of Greeneville, Tennessee, to serve as a member of the Republican Party on the Tennessee Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland obtained a Bachelor of Arts from East Tennessee University and received its Outstanding Alumnus Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Tusculum College and received the college's Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland honorably served his country and state in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland represented District 3 in the Senate of the State of Tennessee from 1964 to 1985, and served as Senate Minority Leader for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland served as the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents from 1985 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Tusculum College, served as the college's Interim President, and served as a Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland provides leadership in his community through his service as a senior advisor to the Niswonger Foundation and as the Chairman of the Tusculum Institute for Public Leadership and Policy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland serves as a director of Atmos Energy Corporation and served as the Chairman of the Board of Greeneville's Commerce Union Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Act of 2006 provides that all members appointed to the Tennessee Ethics Commission by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Garland, of Greeneville, Tennessee, to a two-year term on the Tennessee Ethics Commission, such term to expire on December 31, 2008.